

Dear Ed:

Thanks very much for your letter of 13 April 1953. I am sorry that we have not kept in closer touch with you concerning the developments in connection with our proposed building.

After careful consideration we decided that it was not advisable to request an appropriation for this building during the last session of Congress. For this reason, there has been very little activity in connection with the building since we were in touch with you last Summer.

I am intensely interested in getting this building if it is at all possible to do so and will be discussing the matter with the Bureau of the Budget and others sometime within the next few days.

I do not believe there is very much more in the way of planning that we could do until the advisability of asking the Congress for the appropriation is determined and, in fact, until the appropriation is approved.

We genuinely appreciate your interest in this problem and are extremely grateful for the advice which you have given to us to date. We are also counting on your further assistance if and when we are able to move forward with this project.

Sincerely.

Allen W. Dulles

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